Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur today announced a federal award of \$79,192 to the Perkins Township Fire Department under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program.

The grant is dedicated to operations and safety at the department.

"This is wonderful news for Perkins Township," said Congresswoman Kaptur. "Our firefighters and first responders put their lives on the line to protect lives and property. This federal assistance is crucial, particularly during these challenging times. I will continue to push for this funding to ensure the safety of the brave men and women who serve the public."

Perkins Township Fire Department delivers fire, emergency medical and emergency response services with a staff of 24 full-time and 19 part-time employees out of fire stations on Campbell Street and Milan Road.

Congresswoman Kaptur said the AFG program awards grants directly to fire departments and EMS organizations to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public – as well as that of the first-responder personnel. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.